GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TESTING OF POLLUTING VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Science and Environment has criticised the Union Government for failing to put in place an effective system to test polluting vehicles ;

(b) If so, whether the existing system t o check pollution of vehicles is not found fit ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the various shortcomings in the system ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) The Centre for Science and Environmenthas pointed out some deficiencies in the existing pollution under control (PUC) Certificate system.

(d) The PUC Certificates are issued under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 as amended from time to time by the agencies authorized by the State Governments. The PUC System, in Delhi, has been strengthened by introduction of web camera for recording number plates of vehicles.